Serial No.: unassigned Case No.: 21102DA

Page No.: 13

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Subsequent to the telephonic Restriction Requirement for U.S.S.N. 10/457,682 made on September 4, 2003, the Applicants with traverse elected for examination the subject matter of Claims 1-46 wherein A and B are C_{2-5} alkanediyl and R^2 and R^3 are taken separately, holding in abeyance the non-elected subject matter for further prosecution in a later divisional application. The Applicants are now filing such a divisional application directed to the previously non-elected subject matter.

Claims 1-46 as far as they are directed to the elected subject matter have been cancelled and replaced with new claims 47-67 directed to the non-elected subject matter. The new Claims 47-67 do not contain new matter and are fully supported by Applicants' specification.

In the Specification, the section "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" has been amended to indicate the priority of the present application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the above amendment and begin prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

By M

Philippe L. Wurette Reg. No. 35,125

Attorney for Applicants

MERCK & CO., Inc.

P.O. Box 2000

Rahway, New Jersey 07065-0907

Tel. No. (732) 594-4568

Date: October 30, 2003

Enclosure